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Hello -- I'd like to voice my feelings on the proposed Microsoft anti-trust settlement.

To truly open up competition in the operating systems arena, I feel that ALL of Microsoft's existing and future APIs should be publicly published, that their license agreements should be rewritten to eliminate any restrictions on redistributing components critical for the operation of competing products on all existing and future Microsoft operating systems, and that an independent, non-Microsoft affiliated enforcement body should be appointed to ensure that Microsoft remains compliant with revised terms of its settlement.

Diversity and competition are crucial elements of a successful ecosystem. Monocultures do not encourage robustness in the face of disease or predation. I urge you to encourage innovation, and discourage ethically questionable business practices.

Sincerely,

-Aaron Charlwood

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